

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10-13, 17 and 18 are amended. Claims 1-18 are rejected over prior art. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for his time in conducting a telephone interview on October 7, 2005 and a follow-up interview on October 17, 2005.

RESPONSE TO ARGUMENTS

The Examiner maintains his Final rejection reasons. Specifically, the Examiner argues that “user equipment” may refer to a combination of a user and the equipment/device the user is using. Also during the telephone interview conducted on October 7, 2005, the Examiner voiced his concern that “a network,” by itself, was broad such that “user equipment” was insufficiently defined. The Examiner agreed that if “user equipment” is amended to “mobile station,” the amended claims would define over the Examiner’s cited references.

Applicants have decided to amend “user equipment” instead of pursuing other options discussed in the follow-up interview of October 17, 2005.

The Applicants submit that amended claims 1-18 are now patentable over the Examiner’s cited references.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-18 are respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below. If the Examiner believes that a personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (703) 668-8000.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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